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### **June 2 Community Meeting Set for Fayetteville Road Improvements**

DURHAM, N.C. – With the projects expected to bid in summer 2016 and fall 2017, those interested in the final design and construction plans for the realignment of Fayetteville Street and the Buxton Drive/Riddle Road intersection (project ST-254) and the widening of Fayetteville Road (project ST-264) should mark their calendars now to get the latest information on the project design and implementation.

The meeting will be held Thursday, June 2, 2016, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the cafeteria at Hillside High School, 3727 Fayetteville Street. Hosted by the City's Public Works Department, staff will answer residents' questions as well as review the construction plans and schedule for the realignment of Fayetteville Street and the Buxton Drive /Riddle Road intersection, as well the widening of Fayetteville Road from the Buxton Drive/Riddle Road southward tapering back into the existing roadway section south of Barbee Road.

Due to the existing design, the intersection of Fayetteville Street, Buxton Drive and Riddle Road does not operate efficiently under current traffic volumes and is anticipated to only get worse as traffic volumes increase in the coming years. Similarly, the current configuration of Fayetteville Road between Riddle Road and Barbee Road is of insufficient capacity to provide the level of service necessary for an important thoroughfare in a growing part of Durham. To address these issues, City's Transportation and Public Works Departments have collaborated on a traffic study and design plans, which propose to realign Riddle Road to the north to create a traditional four-way intersection. Additional through and turn lanes will also be added to Fayetteville Street, Buxton Drive, and Riddle Road to accommodate increased traffic volumes. South of this new

intersection, Fayetteville Road will be widened to a four-lane divided facility with turn lanes, with the project terminating near Barbee Road.

The project will include roadway construction, sidewalks, and signal upgrades at the proposed new intersection as well as at the crossing of the American Tobacco Trail at Riddle Road. Both projects will offer bicycle lanes and improved pedestrian access. The projects are expected to bid by winter 2016 with construction beginning in spring/summer 2017. The project designs necessitate that the City acquire property and easements from the adjoining property owners for construction of the new intersection.

For more information on this upcoming meeting or this project, contact Charles J. Rice, EI with the City's Public Works Department, at (919) 560-4326, ext. 30266 or by email at [Charles.rice@durhamnc.gov](mailto:Charles.rice@durhamnc.gov).

#### **About the Public Works Department**

The City of Durham Public Works Department provides a wide range of services, including street maintenance, engineering design, development review and storm water quality and infrastructure maintenance. The department also oversees street resurfacing and sidewalk projects. The department plans and executes the City's winter weather and natural disaster plans. Public Works serves as a steward of the City's physical assets and ensures that residents live in a safe, secure, and thriving community. For more information, visit <http://DurhamNC.gov/ich/op/pwd>.

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